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Art Unit 1645

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/677,752; Filed: October 2, 2000
For: **Chlamydia Protein, Gene Sequence and Uses Thereof**
Inventor: W. James JACKSON
Our Ref: 2479.0050000/EJH/C-K

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Notice of a Non-Responsive Amendment

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment dated March 5, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that this Notice of Non-responsive Amendment is erroneous and that the Examiner acknowledged that this Notice is erroneous.

The Examiner alleged in the Notice that Applicant elected ten sequences in response to the Examiner's request to elect one species of sequence.

Applicants attempted to discuss the Notice with Examiner Ford on March 26, 2007 by phone, and the Examiner telephoned the undersigned back on March 27, 2007. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephone interview with the undersigned.

During the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that this Notice was issued in error and that the Reply filed on December 29, 2006 in response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed on December 1, 2006 overcame the Examiner's objection.

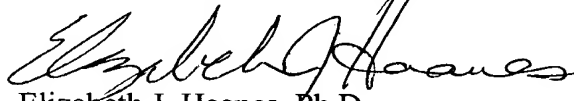
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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